

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23870

This is the FY 2016 appropriation to the Department of Commerce in the amount of \$36,109,900 with full-time equivalent positions capped at 46. This appropriation provides for increased cost of benefits, replacement items, and statewide cost allocation. This bill provides for an ongoing 3% merit-based increase in employee compensation for permanent employees to be distributed at the discretion of agency heads. This budget also provides four line items and a cash transfer. Line item 1 removes 1 FTP and transfers \$38,000 from personnel costs to operating expenditures as IT support costs are shifted to the Department of Administration. Line item 2 transfers \$40,000 from personnel costs to operating expenditures for the ongoing costs of the relationship management software called "Salesforce". Line item 3 provides \$2,213,600 in the Tourism and Promotion Fund for additional marketing. Finally, line item 4 transfers \$1,750,000 from the General Fund to the Idaho Opportunity Fund for additional grants to help secure economic development projects. There is an ongoing amount of \$400,000 for opportunity grants that is reduced in this line item for a net increase of \$1,350,000. Finally, this bill authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$1,750,000 from the General Fund to the Opportunity Fund. Overall this budget is a 4.9% increase over the 2015 original appropriation.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2015 Original Appropriation	49.00	5,890,000	12,137,900	16,389,000	34,416,900
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(19,800)	(35,800)	(4,300)	(59,900)
Base Adjustments	(2.00)	0	(172,900)	(40,900)	(213,800)
FY 2016 Base	47.00	5,870,200	11,929,200	16,343,800	34,143,200
Benefit Costs	0.00	18,300	6,500	3,800	28,600
Replacement Items	0.00	25,000	9,000	5,100	39,100
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	(3,300)	(1,200)	(700)	(5,200)
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	58,500	18,900	13,200	90,600
FY 2016 Program Maintenance	47.00	5,968,700	11,962,400	16,365,200	34,296,300
1. IT Support to Administration	(1.00)	0	0	0	0
2. Relationship Mgmt Software	0.00	0	0	0	0
3. Additional Marketing for Tourism	0.00	0	2,213,600	0	2,213,600
4. Opportunity Fund Cash Infusion	0.00	1,350,000	0	0	1,350,000
Cash Transfers	0.00	(1,750,000)	0	0	(1,750,000)
FY 2016 Total	46.00	5,568,700	14,176,000	16,365,200	36,109,900
Chg from FY 2015 Orig Approp	(3.00)	(321,300)	2,038,100	(23,800)	1,693,000
% Chg from FY 2015 Orig Approp.	(6.1%)	(5.5%)	16.8%	(0.1%)	4.9%

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